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Progress report for August 1949.

1. The project to send one German-speaking EMB employee each to Germany and Austria for a period of two to six months to explore the possibility of supplementing present EMB coverage of the Western Zones has been approved by the Projects Review Committee.

2. To supplement the present monitoring coverage of Western Zone German and Austrian transmitters which does not fulfill the expressed requirements of OIR, the following material is being experimentally furnished B/MB, OIR, for evaluation:

a. Selected "Voice of America" briefs of about 500 words prepared by Information Services Branch, US Section, Allied Commission Austria, and teletyped to Washington daily.

b. A 2,000 word "Vienna Opinion Survey" teletyped to Washington each Friday by ISB, USACA.

c. ISB's Press Survey Section's monthly report of approximately 10,000 words for the High Commissioner teletyped to Washington.

3. In response to a request from IED in New York, the preparation of a one-page report on the pattern and content of Soviet radio propaganda was initiated 15 August 1949. This daily report is transmitted by teletype to recipients of the EMB outgoing wire service.

4. EMB has initiated daily and weekly tabulations, by broad themes and subjects, of all radio Moscow commentaries in all languages. Beginning 16 August 1949 results of tabulations of Soviet commentaries monitored in London were included bi-weekly in the weekly publication, "Survey of USSR Radio Broadcasts." Tabulations from other field stations will be incorporated in the near future.

5. Three monitors for the interim operation on Okinawa arrived there 26 August 1949. The remaining six which have been selected and processed by local security are expected when housing becomes available.

6. The Flexoline files, which will replace the inadequate card index reference system in EMB, were not received during August as anticipated. Upon their arrival in Washington Hqs., delivery of this equipment will be expedited to the field bureaus.

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7. Cryptographic communications have been established between Nyeredia, Cyprus, and Washington through the Communications Division. In September similar arrangements will be activated in respect to Caversham, England.

8. A daily average of 11,000 words was filed to the EEC during August.

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